

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Platting Board  
September 15, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Platting Board was held Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

Steven Brook	Ginger Orem
Traci Schachle	Michael Kwasinski
Troy Hicks	Jacqueline Morton
Kellie Fritze, Vice-Chairperson	Randy Pitney, Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk  
Melissa Kellner, Acting Community Planning Deputy Director  
Billy Cardentey, Platting Officer II  
David Ruzicka, Platting Officer II  
Ehren Lohse, Assistant Borough Attorney  
Wendy Dau, Assistant Borough Attorney

**MESSAGES**

1.a. Opening

Chair Pitney pointed out the exits and the location of the bathroom.

2. Chair's Comments

Chair Pitney stated it should be a short meeting and that John Bennet would be providing Highway Rights of Way training on after the meeting.

**MESSAGES - continued**

3. Introduction of Staff

Melissa Kellner, Acting Community Planning Deputy Director, introduced herself.

Billy Cardentey, Platting Officer II, introduced himself.

David Ruzicka, Platting Officer II, introduced himself.

4. Communications to the Platting Board

Ms. Kellner stated that the training on Highway Rights of Way would be occurring at 7 p.m.

5.a Citizen’s Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

5.b. Citizen’s Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

Huhnkie Lee, resident of Wasilla, spoke about his political platform and his run for United States Senate.

6. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

Ms. Schachle disclosed that as a realtor she has had business with Stutzmann Engineering through her clients and might have business again in the future. Chair Pitney asked if she had business with them in the last year or would have business with them in the next twelve months. Ms. Schachle stated she did not personally have any business with Stutzmann Engineering. Chair Pitney determined she did not have a conflict of interest.

Ms. Orem disclosed that as a realtor she has had business with Stutzmann Engineering through her clients and might have business again in the future. Chair Pitney asked the same questions. Ms. Orem answered the same. Mr. Pitney determined she did not have a conflict of interest.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

FRITZE,  
Seconded by KWASINSKI

moved to approve the agenda and consent  
agenda as read.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses:	Orem, Hicks, Morton, Schachle, Kwasinski, Brooks, Fritze, Pitney
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	8 Yeses, 0 Noes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. \*Platting Board meeting minutes of August 18, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. \*SD013-20 Straight Creek Subdivision (Extension)

A request by Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc., on behalf of John Goodhand and Karyn Ellingson, for a two-year extension to the FNSB Platting Board’s approval on November 20, 2019, to subdivide Parcel 3 of FNSB Waiver of Subdivision WV017-80 (formerly described as TL-711), a total of approximately 16.0 acres, into three lots ranging in size from 1.8 to 9.1 acres. The property is located within the W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 7, T.1S., R.3W., FM.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

**EXTENSION**

1. The final plat application shall be submitted by November 20, 2023 or the preliminary approval will become void.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- a) The Platting Board approved the subdivision on November 20, 2019.
- b) The preliminary plat expires on November 20, 2021.
- c) This is the applicant’s first extension request.
- d) FNSB staff support the extension request.

## **CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

- e) FNSBC 17.12.030(J)(1) states that the Platting Board may provide for the later submittal of one or more phases or segments of the subdivision.
- f) FNSBC 17.12.030(J)(1) has been interpreted by staff to include the extension of the entire subdivision request.
- g) There does not appear to be any change to the subject property or surrounding development that would warrant a new preliminary review by the Platting Board.

## **EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

NONE

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Fritze asked if the comments made in citizens' comments B were proper. Chair Pitney stated he would have a conversation with the attorneys regarding the propriety of political comments.

Mr. Hicks stated the comment was perhaps not placed in the best way to get a large audience.

Mr. Brooks asked for the attorneys to weigh in on whether a political comment was appropriate. Ehren Lohse, Assistant Borough Attorney, stated that it followed what was on the agenda and he would look further into it. Mr. Brooks wondered if allowing those types of comments would encourage comments that are not about the Platting Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Platting Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.